

Maryland

Weekly Crop and Weather Report

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JUNE 20, 2005

A BREAK IN THE RAIN ALLOWS FARMERS TO GET INTO FIELDS

Dry weather throughout the week helped with the harvest of **small grains** and **hay**, but conditions were too dry for **corn**, **beans**, and **vegetables**. The hot temperatures and minimal rainfall during the week caused some moisture stress in **corn** around the state. The first cutting of hay is nearly complete, with reports indicating that 88 percent of **alfalfa hay** and 81 percent of all **other hay** have undergone the first cutting of the season. **Soybean** planting has also advanced to 77 percent complete throughout the state. **There were 6.2 days suitable for field work.**

Small grains were reported in mostly good condition. Barley is 45 percent harvested and wheat harvest has now just begun. **Barley** was rated 2 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 23 percent excellent. **Winter wheat** was rated 3 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

Pasture was rated 4 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 25 percent excellent while **hay supplies** were rated 5 percent very short, 9 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 9 percent surplus.

MARYLAND'S CROP PROGRESS FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2005 (PERCENT)

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	Average 2000-2004
Small Grain Development:				
Barley Harvested	45	2	63	45
Wheat Turned	76	42	93	78
Planting Progress:				
Cantaloups	85	81	89	91
Cucumbers	64	59	42	59
Lima Beans	52	44	71	55
Snap Beans	68	63	70	68
Sorghum	76	60	90	77
Soybeans	77	63	83	67
Sweet Corn	88	83	95	91
Tomatoes	91	84	92	94
Watermelons	92	83	98	85
Emerged:				
Field Corn	98	97	100	97
Soybeans	53	43	61	54

SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2005 (PERCENT)

Condition	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Topsoil Moisture	2	30	62	6
Topsoil (2004)	---	5	75	20
Five Year Average	1	8	67	25
Subsoil Moisture	---	14	85	1
Subsoil (2004)	---	6	79	15
Five Year Average	4	14	63	19

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WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 19, 2005

	Precipitation			Temperatures			
Weather Station	Total this week	Total Since Jan 1	Departure from Normal Since Jan 1	High	Low	Average	Departure from Normal
Maryland							
Baltimore/Washington Airport	0.07	19.30	0.59	91	53	75	2
Easton	0.09	24.77	4.14	93	56	76	3
Frederick	0.22	16.64	-1.82	93	53	75	7
Frostburg	0.10	19.60	-2.37	84	47	66	3
Hagerstown	0.03	13.62	-4.35	92	52	74	4
Mechanicsville	0.02	21.23	0.31	90	52	74	2
Patuxent River	0	18.31	-0.63	93	58	78	6
Ocean City	0.08	20.95	0.34	92	54	76	5
Salisbury	0	22.96	2.58	92	47	74	2
Sharpsburg	0.33	15.82	-2.64	92	49	72	4
Washington, DC (Reagan National)	0.05	20.09	2.97	92	59	77	1
Delaware							
Dover	0.01	21.26	1.24	91	57	76	4
Georgetown	0.09	20.18	0.08	91	52	76	5
Wilmington	0	18.55	-0.25	92	54	75	4

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